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Plantation of Rubber
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

a) whether the Government has not revised scale of subsidies and other Inputs for new planting and replanting of rubber for more than last ten years;

b) if so, the reasons therefor;

c) whether the Government is considering expansion of rubber to other North-Eastern states other than Tripura, where the soil and climatic condition has been found suitable for rubber cultivation; and

d) if so, the details thereof along with the fiscal and physical plan for next ten years?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(SMT. NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)
(a) & (b): The subsidy rates for new planting and replanting of rubber have been raised during the 12th Plan to Rs. 25,000 per hectare in the traditional region and Rs. 35,000 per hectare in the non-traditional region respectively, covering 8% and 15% of the development costs.

(d) & (d) Expansion of rubber cultivation to North Eastern (NE) states is an approved activity under the 12th Plan. The target for expansion of rubber cultivation with financial assistance in NE states other than Tripura is 16,000 ha under 12th Plan. Potential area available in NE states for rubber cultivation is estimated provisionally at around 300,000 ha. Fiscal and physical plans of the special rubber plantation development schemes are fixed from year to year on the basis of discussions with various State Government and concerned Ministries.
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